

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 16-17 as follows below.

1 1. (Original) A computer system comprising:
2 a memory;
3 a register file coupled to the memory through a memory
4 channel, the register file to store data for one or more
5 procedures in one or more frames, respectively; and
6 a register stack engine to monitor activity on the
7 memory channel and to transfer data between selected frames
8 of the register file and the memory responsive to available
9 bandwidth on the memory channel.

1 2. (Original) The computer system of claim 1,
2 wherein
3 the memory includes a backing store
4 and
5 the register stack engine transfers data between the
6 selected frames and the backing store.

1 3. (Original) The computer system of claim 1,
2 wherein
3 a portion of the register file is organized as a
4 register stack.

1 4. (Original) The computer system of claim 3,
2 wherein
3 the register stack engine includes a first pointer to
4 indicate a first location in a current frame of the register
5 stack.

1 5-11. (Cancelled)

1 12. (Original) A method for managing data in a
2 register stack comprising:
3 designating registers in the register stack as clean or
4 dirty, according to whether data in the registers has been
5 spilled to a backing store;
6 monitoring operations on a memory channel; and
7 spilling data from a current oldest dirty register to
8 the backing store when capacity is available on the memory
9 channel.

1 13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12,
2 further comprising
3 updating a pointer to indicate a new oldest dirty

4 register when data is spilled from the current oldest dirty
5 register.

1 14. (Original) The method of claim 12, further
2 comprising
3 filling data from the backing store to a current oldest
4 clean register when capacity is available on the memory
5 channel.

1 15. (Cancelled)

1 16. (Currently Amended) A computer system comprising:
2 a memory system;
3 a register file to store data for an active procedure
4 and one or more inactive procedures; and
5 a register stack engine to monitor a memory channel to
6 determine available bandwidth to the memory system and to
7 transfer data between registers associated with the one or
8 more inactive procedures and the memory system, responsive
9 to the available bandwidth to the memory system.

1 17. (Currently Amended) The computer system of claim

2 16, wherein
3 the computer system further comprises
4 a load/store unit
5 and
6 the register stack engine to further monitor ~~monitors~~
7 the load/store unit to determine the available bandwidth to
8 the memory system.

1 18. (Cancelled)

1 19. (Original) The computer system of claim 16,
2 wherein
3 the register stack engine transfers data for inactive
4 procedures responsive to a mode status indicator.

1 20. (Cancelled)

1 21. (Original) The computer system of claim 19,
2 wherein
3 the mode status indicator is set under software control
4 responsive to a type of application to run on the computer
5 system.